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AUTHORIZING THE EXPANSION OF THE NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM AT WASHINGTON DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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Mr. FORD, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1790]

The Committee on Rules and Administration, having considered S. 1790, a bill to authorize the expansion of the National Air and Space Museum at Washington Dulles International Airport, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of S. 1790 is to authorize the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, and construct facilities for the National Air and Space Museum at Washington Dulles International Airport. The Smithsonian Institution would develop a master plan for expansion of the museum that will not interfere with the operations of the airport.

The bill further provides authorization for a total amount of $1,000,000 to be appropriated to the Smithsonian Institution for fiscal years 1988 and 1989 for master planning activities, and stipulates that no Federal funds are authorized for the construction of any facilities.

BACKGROUND

The Rules Committee held hearings on the Dulles facility on July 24, 1985, and August 5, 1986. On August 15, 1986, the Committee reported S. 1311, a bill which was amended by the committee and which authorized (a) the planning and construction of addition-

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al facilities for the National Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport; (b) $1,000,000 for such planning, but construction at Dulles to be paid entirely from private donations; (c) construction of a research facility at Edgewater, Maryland, to be named for Senator Mathias; and (d) $1,000,000 for construction of the Edgewater facility. (Report 99-414)

S. 1311 passed the Senate on September 15, 1986; it passed the House with an amendment deleting the Dulles portion on October 16, 1986; the Senate agreed to the House amendment on October 18, 1986; and S. 1311, as amended, became P.L. 99-617 on November 6, 1986.

The provisions of S. 1790 are identical to the Dulles related provisions of S. 1311 as it passed the Senate on September 15, 1986.

COMMITTEE ACTION

On April 19, 1988, the committee met to consider S. 1790. The Air and Space Museum, it was noted, has a higher attendance than any other museum in the country, and not enough room to properly display other aircraft and aviation and space items that are or will be part of the museum's collection.

The two Senators from the State of Maryland asked that Baltimore-Washington International Airport be included in the committee's considerations, along with Dulles, as a possible site. The committee then reviewed the history of the site selection process, highlighting the 1985 decision by the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution in support of an extension of the Air and Space Museum at the Dulles International Airport, a federally-owned facility. The Board reaffirmed this decision in February of this year.

The investments expended by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to move the Space Shuttle Enterprise to Dulles several years ago and by the Smithsonian to protect the Enterprise since that time were reviewed. Based on this presentation, the Committee decided to support a Dulles site for the proposed expansion. It was noted that nearly one-third of the Senate membership supports this position as cosponsors of S. 1790.

Accordingly, the committee unanimously approved and ordered reported the accompanying bill.

REGULATORY IMPACT

In accordance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the committee does not consider that enactment of S. 1790 would have any regulatory impact.

COST ESTIMATE

The bill authorizes the appropriation of a total of $1,000,000 in fiscal years 1988 and 1989 for master planning activities of the Smithsonian Institution to expand the National Air and Space Museum at Washington Dulles International Airport. A cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office indicating the outlays from such appropriations follows.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

April 22, 1988

1. BILL NUMBER: S. 1790

2. BILL TITLE: None.

3. BILL STATUS:

As introduced and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration October 15, 1987.

4. BILL PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the planning and construction of additional facilities for the National Air and Space Museum at Dulles International Airport. This bill is subject to subsequent appropriations action.

5. ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

(by fiscal years, in millions of dollars)

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
Bill Total					
Authorization Level	0.5	0.5	--	--	--
Estimated Outlays	0.2	0.5	0.3	--	--

The Costs of this bill fall within function 500.

Basis of Estimate

S. 1790 authorizes a total of $1 million in 1988 and 1989 for the planning and design of the National Air and Space Museum facility at Dulles Airport. Construction would be financed entirely from private donations. Outlay estimates were made assuming full appropriation of authorization levels, and assuming the current spending pattern of similar projects.

6. ESTIMATED COST TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

The Congressional Budget Office has determined that the budgets of state and local governments would not be affected directly by enactment of this bill.

7. ESTIMATE COMPARISON: None.

8. PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE:

On September 11, 1986, the Congressional Budget Office prepared a cost estimate of S. 1311, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration. With the exception of changes in the years for which funds are authorized, no differences between the language of the two bills exist.

9. ESTIMATE PREPARED BY: Michael Namian (226-2820).

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